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Dear Mr. McLerran:

We understand that the January 18, 2012 tribal consultation and coordination meeting on the Idaho Human Health Criteria process was rescheduled for February 16 in Spokane, Washington. The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and the Yakama Nation (YN) have formally sent letters requesting consultation on this issue.

The Commission has directed me to send you this letter to request an additional meeting be added for consultation on this matter at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Winter Conference on February 13-16, 2012 in Shelton, Washington. Specifically, we would like to request a consultation meeting for the afternoon of February 15, 2012 with tribal leaders from the NPT, CTUIR and YN. ATNI will provide a room at their event to conduct these additional consultation meetings.

We are also in the process of organizing a plenary session for the ATNI conference on the Oregon, Washington and Idaho water quality processes and would like to invite Mary Lou Soscia or another appropriate EPA staff member to participate in this session. ATNI has indicated they will add this session to their agenda in the morning of February 15.

We greatly appreciate the efforts and willingness of the EPA in reaching out to our tribal governments throughout this process. Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Lumley or Dianne Barton at (503) 238-0667, or me at (509) 865-5121.

Sincerely,

Gerald Lewis
Chairman

Cc: Mary Lou Soscia, U.S. EPA Oregon Operations Office